



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/671,802	09/28/2000	Jozef M. Finders	PM 0273961	7922
909	7590	12/22/2004	EXAMINER	
PILLSBURY WINTHROP, LLP			CHACKO DAVIS, DABORAH	
P.O. BOX 10500			ART UNIT	
MCLEAN, VA 22102			PAPER NUMBER	
			1756	
DATE MAILED: 12/22/2004				

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/671,802	FINDERS ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Daborah Chacko-Davis	1756	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

1. ☒ The amendment filed on 21 September 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*The IDS filed (September 28, 2000) has been considered. An initialed copy is attached herewith. The claims are allowable for reasons of record.*

  
**JOHN A. MCPHERSON**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

dcd  
December 8, 2004.

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: FINDERS et al

Application No.: (Herewith)

Filed: September 28, 2000

Group: (Unknown)

Title: LITHOGRAPHIC METHOD AND  
APPARATUS

Examiner: (Unknown)

\* \* \* \*

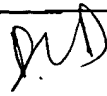
September 28, 2000

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In addition to the enclosed documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449,  
the Examiner's attention is directed to the U.S. Application of:

Examiner's Initials	Inventor	Application No.
	MULKENS et al	09/287,014

Consideration thereof is earnestly solicited since unpublished patent  
applications are contemplated as IDS material; see the exception in Rule 98(a)(2)(iii) and the  
final paragraph of MPEP 609.

Further, in keeping with MPEP 609 pages 600-112, second column, line 23 to  
end of paragraph (especially note lines 26-30) please return a copy of this paper with the

30097724\_1.DOC